

Application Serial No. 10/679,224  
Amendment dated 1/10/2005  
in Response to Office Action dated 12/09/2004

### REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 among Group 1, claims 1-33 and 43 (drawn to a fishing rod); and Group II, claims 34-42 (drawn to a method of balancing a fishing rod). Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-33 and 43, drawn to a fishing rod, for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 34-42 have been canceled without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications covering the non-elected claims 34-42.

### CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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